

Remarks

The Examiner rejected claims 1-10 under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,685,223 ("Long"). Based on the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicant respectfully submits all claims should be allowed because Long does not disclose all limitations set forth in any of Applicant's claims.

All claims require a socklining's peripheral edge be in direct contact with the outsole. As shown in Applicant's figures 1, 2, 4, and 7, the socklining is placed directly on top of and directly sewn to the outsole along the peripheral edge. Long fails to disclose this claimed limitation and, therefore, cannot anticipate all of Applicant's claimed limitations. Hence, the rejections under 35 USC § 102 should be withdrawn.

Long shows and describes the upper wrapped around the peripheral edge of the socklining so that the socklining does not touch the outsole. Long's figures and specification fail to show the socklining contact the outsole anywhere. Even when sewn, the stitch in Long must penetrate the upper, socklining, upper again, and finally the outsole.

Because Long does not disclose a socklining's peripheral edge in direct contact with the outsole, Long does not anticipate Applicant's claimed invention and all pending claims should be allowed over Long.

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